**EVANDALE HISTORY SOCIETY INC**

**MINUTES - MONTHLY MEETING – 16 MARCH 2023**

**Attendees:** Barry Lawson(President), Bob Strachan (Secretary), Stephanie Dean, Lyn Louis, Sally Wilkinson, Charlie Watson.

**Apologies:** Maria Lawson, Laurie Wotherspoon (Treasurer), Lois Wotherspoon, Chris and Heather Leggett, Cameron Richards, Tennille Cox’ Williams, Stephanie Kensitt, Susan Hodson, Jenny Carter, Jan Foot, Kim Polley, Tony McCormack, Judy Heazlewood, Bruce Argent-Smith and John Lewis.

**Minutes of previous meeting held 16 Feb 2023:**

**Lyn** proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. **Seconded: Charlie.** **Carried.**

**Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**EPS History Project/Murray Family information board – Pioneer Park.** At the Feb meeting **Laurie** provided an update on this project. Laurie proposed that he seek, on behalf of the Society, a Community Grant from the State Government for the information board. There was general agreement to this proposal. As **Laurie** was absent for this meeting no update was available. **Bob** provided some information indicating Pioneer Park is on the Tasmanian Heritage Register (THR Place #5034) and any new works requires Heritage Tasmania approval. **Action: Laurie** **to provide periodic updates and produce a submission for a Community Grant for the proposed Murray sign/information board.**

**Donation from Buffalo Lodge in memory of Peter and Teecie Cruse**. At the Feb meeting concern was expressed that we seem to be getting no feedback/action from the NMC concerning the placement of the table and seats in the small park opposite the old Beltana Butchery. **Laurie** undertook to chase up with Council and report back.Due to Laurie not being present no update was available. **Action: Laurie to update at the next meeting.**

**Converting non-digital video images to digital format. Barry** reported no progress on this project during the previous month. **Action: Barry to keep the Society updated on progress.**

**Historic Trees.**  **Barry** reported the project is a work in progress. He has downloaded some images from the State Library of Evandale which has enabled him to identify several early and important trees. **Action: Barry** **to provide updates as required.**

**1929 Flood Marker. Laurie** has located the missing marker and constructeda steel support post ready for the marker to be placed in situ. **Action: The Society needs to agree the appropriate site and set the marker in place. To be discussed when more members present.**

**14 Jan 2023 Email from FAHS. Newsletter 205 outlining impact on Trove of cut-backs to the NLA** – The newsletter suggested that history societies and individuals write to Minister for Arts. A link to an on-line petition to the Federal Parliament was later circulated by **Bob** to members for their consideration. A number decided to put their names to the petition. **No further action this item.**

**ANZAC Day 2023 update. Bob** provided an update on planning for ANZAC Day 2023 which seems to be on track. Grant Maynard will be unable to say prayers – so as agreed we will not include this component in the services. Also, Perth Lions Club can provide assistance with the morning tea (but probably only 3-4 people). It was agreed we should put on tea and coffee and ANZAC Biscuits for the Dawn Service and a light morning tea for the 11 am Service. Members of the EHS and their friends etc will do the catering assisted by Perth Lions. **Action:** **Bob will talk to Perth Lions Club and accept their offer of help with morning tea and update next meeting.**

**Financial Report: Presented in Laurie’s absence by Stephanie.** **Moved: Stephanie. Seconded: Lyn Carried**

**Correspondence Inward:**

**17 Feb, 01 Mar, 02 Mar and 13 Mar 2023. Emails from Patricia Deering to Bob.** Re Antone family of Snake Banks.  **(discussion under new business below)**

**18 Feb 2023. Email from Maurice Occleshaw.** Seeking details on Ivy Johnson born Hadspen 1891.

**26 Feb 2023. Email from FAHS. E-bulletin.** If anyone wants copies of the FAHS e-bulletins forwarded on to them, let **Bob** know.

**21, 22 and 28 Feb 2023. Emails from RHSV** concerning history seminars, and RHSV news. If anyone wants copies of the RHSV Newsletters forwarded on to them, let **Bob** know.

**01 Mar 2023. Email from Northern Midlands Council.** Invitation to attend the unveiling of the Bishopsbourne History Board, on Saturday 18 March, from 11am, at the Bishopsbourne Recreation Ground. It includes a timeline and stories of historical sites and surrounds of the township. **Sally** **has family links to the “college” at Bishopsbourne and said she would probably attend.**

**03 Mar 2023. Email from Northern Midlands Council (Gail Eacher).** Request for information/images on/of Evandale Council – wardens and councillors.

*Council officers are working on a project to document the history of the Northern Midlands Council with relation to Councillors & Wardens (prior and post amalgamation). The project involves compiling a photo catalogue of Council’s history and would like to include as much info as possible.*

*Please could you let me know if you are aware of any photographs of the Evandale Council members/Councillors and Wardens that may be kept or on display in Evandale at the information centre, memorial hall or other venue.*

*The idea is to photograph the photos and information supplied with the photos and include it in a catalogue type photo book/record.*

*Please could you let me know and I can arrange for someone to take photos of the photos as well as the info relative to the photo.*

**(discussion under new business below)**

**06 Mar 2023.** **Email from Rob Taylor**. Research request on Joseph and Marianne Pettingell.

**07 Mar 2023.** **Email from RHSV.** Insurance premium due.

**Correspondence Outward:**

**16 and 19 Feb and 12 Mar 2023. Emails: Bob to Patricia Deering.** Re: Antone family grave location.

**20 Feb 2023. Email: Lyn to Caroline.** Re:Daly, Barfoot & Murray family histories.

**20 and 23 Feb 2023. Emails Lyn to Maurice Occleshaw.** Research results.

**06 Mar 2023.** **Email Lyn to Sallie Mulligan.** Research results for Rebecca Young and Everton property. Rebecca died 7 October 1898 soldier’s widow of Longford.

**08 Mar 2023.** **Email: Lyn to Jennelle Jurik** re: Mary Shaughnessy and John Button**.** Both convicts (transported to VDL 1851). Mary lived in Perth. John assigned to Cox at Clarendon.

**12 Mar 2023. Email Lyn to Mike Swift** re research results.

**Bob proposed correspondence be accepted. Seconded: Charlie Carried**

**Research:**

**Lyn:**

**Daly, Barfoot & Murray families.** Lyn has completed research for Caroline.

**Ivy Johnson.** Lyn has completed research for Maurice Occleshaw.

**Rebecca Young & Everton.**  Lyn has completed research for Sallie Mulligan.

**Mary Shaughnessy & John Button.** Lyn has completed research for Jenelle Juric.

**John Smith and Marchington.** Lyn has undertaken research for Ian Smith but incorrect email address given on Inquiry Form.

**Antone Family (Snake Banks).** Research for Patricia Deering. **Bob and Lyn** will assist with identification of plot in Anglican Cemetery.

**Joseph and Marianne Pettingell.** Research for Robert Taylor. Joseph and Marianne Pettingell started a school around 1837. Joseph was apparently the Postmaster at Evandale. Research still in progress.

**Sarah Jane Wright .** Research for Mike Swift. Research on Great Grandmother and GG Grandmother.

**New and General Business:**

**Condolences to Tony and family. Barry** passed on to those not already aware, the sad news that Tony’s wife Pam had died on 24 Feb 2023 after a short illness. **Bob** read an email he had received from Tony saying Tony was trying to keep positive and was being well supported by family and friends.

**Antone family grave – efforts by Patricia Deering to erect headstone. Bob and Lyn** have been dealing with Patricia in attempting to define the Antone grave in the Anglican cemetery it is unmarked. Patricia has asked for information on the location of Snake Banks and also details about the punt at Perth. Stephanie bought a Survey map which shows Snake Banks adjacent Powranna. Charlie confirmed that the river bank this side of Perth has also been know as Snake Banks (it was agreed this could be an unofficial name). **Action: Bob will take photographs of the likely grave site and send photos of nearby headstones to Patricia. Charlie will talk to Tony Gibson (Native Point) to see whether he knows anything about the Perth punt and Snake Banks.**

**NMC request for photographs of Evandale Council Councillors and Wardens.** On 03 Mar 2023 Gail Eacher (NMC) wrote to us seekingany information/images on/of Evandale Council – wardens and councillors. **Lyn** said she was sure we had some images but it would take time to search for them – she will be away for a few weeks. **Action: Bob to email Gail saying we can assist but it might take a month or two. Lyn has volunteered to do the research when she returns to Tasmania.**

**Loan of 7 EFTS material to Tasmanian Aviation Historical Society.** Lyn received an unofficial ‘request’ from the Tasmanian Aviation Historical Society (TAHS) for the loan of some of our 7 EFTS collection. It was decided that no action was required until we got a formal request from the TAHS however as a matter of principle only copies of our records/documents would be made available. **Action: No further action on this matter until a formal loan request is received from the TAHS.**

**7 EFTS Memorial.** The white paintwork on the 7 EFTS memorial is in bad shape.It wasagreed we should not do any makeshift repairs prior to ANZAC Day as such a repair might cause damage to the stonework. It was also agreed we should try and get funds to have the lettering and images professionally restored. It was agreed the first step was to get a quote and options from Dunns prior to looking at funding sources. **Action: Bob to send an image to Dunn’s for options and indicative costs.**

**33rd anniversary of EHS - 11 Jun 2023. Lyn** Found a letter in Smith file, re establishment of EHS.  established 11 Jun 1990 after a public meeting. It was agreed we should have a 33year anniversary lunch or dinner. **Action: to be discussed at the next meeting.**

**Insurance premium.** The insurance premium for our public liability, association liability and public liability(through RHSV group insurance scheme)is now due $334. **Action: Laurie to confirm payment has been made.**

**Hart Family file. Lyn** said the Hart family file had still not been returned from Mike Hart. Mike borrowed the file in August 2020.There was discussion about Tony’s previous attempts to recover the file. Charlie undertook to speak to Rick Hart about having the file returned ASAP. **Action: Charlie to speak to Rick Hart and report back to the next meeting.**

**St Andrews Anglican Church – 2005 project to digitalise records of the cemetery. Stephanie** said she had come across some documentation from 2005 indicating the Conservation Volunteers intended to take photographs of all the graves/headstones in the Anglican cemetery along with recording the headstone inscriptions and load to an appropriate web-site data base. As far as she is aware the project never progressed. **No further action.**

**Catherine Nita Hill. Lyn** spoke about some documentation of Neils she had come across outlining the life of long-time Evandale resident Catherine Nita Hill. Nita was a WW2 WAAF, one of the first air hostesses, a JP and Evandale Councillor and involved in many other community organisations. **No further action.**

**Deddington School Records. Charlie** brought along a number of books and other official records going back to 1870 pertaining to Deddington School which had been passed on to him by Greg Nesbit. At this stage the records are on loan to us for copying, but they may be donated in the future. **Action: Barry will speak to Anna concerning having copies made. Barry to update on progress.**

**History Information plaque – Old circulating library.** Barry said Brett Goldsworthy the Hall Manager had spoken to him concerning the lady who lives in the old circulating library building on High Street. The lady had told Brett the plaque was chipped and faded and wanted to know whether the History Society could repair/replace. It was confirmed the plaques had originally been made and placed by the old Evandale Council. Stephanie Dean had been asked at the time to conduct the research on some of the buildings. **Action: Barry will tell Brett the plaques were not provided by the EHS and therefore we are unable to assist with repair/replacement.**

**Next meeting: Thurs 20 Apr at 10:30.**

**Meeting closed at: 12 noon**